



# Nuckolls County Board Minutes



## **MARCH 12, 2012 PROCEEDINGS OF THE NUCKOLLS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The Nuckolls County Board of Commissioners met Monday, March 12, 2012 in the Board Meeting Room at the Courthouse, Nelson, Nebraska, per recess of March 5, 2012. Combs and Brown present for the meeting. Corman excused absent. The agenda of said meeting was remitted to board members in advance of the meeting and is posted in the County Clerk's office and on the County Website. Combs announced the 'Open Meetings Act Law' as posted in the Commissioners Board Meeting Room and handouts are available.

The board reconvened at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Combs approved the agenda and the March 5, 2012 minutes as submitted. Also present for the meeting is Chuck Mittan of the Superior Express.

Discussion was held regarding the County owned farm ground located by the County Road Department in Nelson. No decisions made.

Tim Stutzman, Emergency Manager/Noxious Weed Superintendent met with the Board to give an update on the current activities of both offices. Stutzman announced he passed the exam for the Noxious Weed Applicators License. Stutzman noted the State Noxious Weed Representative will be in Nuckolls County this week to review the year plan of action. The Board asked Stutzman about the condition of the Emergency Managers vehicle. He reported he thinks it will make another year. Discussion was also held regarding a remote operations center. Stutzman informed the Board there would be training at the Sheriff's office for the Paraclete System this Thursday and Friday.

Gary Warren, Highway Superintendent and Cindy Buescher, Executive Secretary met with the Board to give an update on the current activities of the County Road Department. Warren noted they are hauling gravel to the Sedan Road to repair the road from the winter snow. The Motorgraders are out maintaining the County Roads. Warren noted the Lowboy is in the Nelson shop for repairs. They are working on removing trees by Mt. Claire. They are still working on road signs within the County. Warren is working on a shared project with Clay County named Project C0065(678) North of Lawrence on the County Line. Warren and Buescher will be attending the Central District Meeting in Hasting on Thursday. Gravel Bid Letting will be on Monday, March 26, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. Warren & Buescher discussed the expected expenditures for the next 4 months for the road department budget. The Board noted they would like the maintainers to continue working on dirt roads through the county.



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Dan Swartzkopf, Krull Agency, and the agent for Nuckolls County Employee Health Plan visited with the Board to give an update on our current aggregate loss ratio status. Currently the plan is at a 53.8% aggregate loss ratio. Swartzkopf also gave the Board an update on current health related changes due to the Health Care Reform Policy. The year 2014 will see many changes for plans that are grandfathered. Present for this session was Susan Rogers, Jim Bolte and Tim Schmidt who are on the Insurance Committee and also Vicki Ensign, County Treasurer. Ensign asked if the Premiums would be going up for the new fiscal year. Swartzkopf noted we are doing very well and he is not looking at much if any increase. The medical trend is typically 7 to 10% increase. The Board noted they would like to have the renewal figures by May. Swartzkopf noted as the Broker he works for the County and will only bring to the table the best options available.

Assessor, Susan Rogers met briefly with the Board to inform them of a 5 to 6 million growth in county valuation for the fiscal year. This is not official yet and Rogers will give the Board a final update later.

**A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Combs to authorize Chairman Combs to sign the 1 year lease agreement between Nuckolls County and Frahm Brothers Partnership for the 11 acre, county owned farm ground by Nelson. Combs and Brown voted Aye, Corman absent, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.**

Superior Estates Winery submitted 6 different dates for Special Designated Liquor Licenses for County Approval. They are June 2, 2012; June 9, 2012; June 23, 2012; June 30, 2012; July 28, 2012 and September 22, 2012. **A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Combs to approve all 6 dates for the Special Designated Liquor Licenses for Meyer Vineyards doing business as Superior Estates Winery. Combs and Brown voted Aye, Corman absent. 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.**

Vicki Ensign, County Treasurer met with the Board to give the list of delinquent Real Estate Taxes for the tax years of 2010 and prior. The list was published in February 2012. The list included the parcels, legal descriptions, and tax due. Ensign also submitted a report for the Public Tax Sale held on Monday, March 5, 2012. Ensign reported that 40 parcels were sold in the amount of \$68,571.98. Ensign also submitted a Resolution Directing Purchase of Tax Sale Certificates, by the County Treasurer, effective March 12, 2012. **A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Combs to approve the Resolution Directing Purchase of Tax Sale Certificates by the County Treasurer and all reports as submitted by the County Treasurer. Combs and Brown voted Aye, Corman absent. 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.**

There being no further business the meeting was recessed at 11:08 a.m. until Monday, March 19, 2012.



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Michael D. Combs, Chairman

By: Jackie L. Kassebaum, County Clerk